



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 08-78

November 4, 2008

Public Hearing and Report by the Department of Public Utilities pursuant to St. 2008, c. 169, § 92 regarding maintenance and repair standards for distribution systems of investor-owned gas and electric distribution companies.

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On July 2, 2008, Governor Deval Patrick signed into law Chapter 169 of the Acts of 2008, an Act Relative to Green Communities ("Green Communities Act"). Section 92 of the Green Communities Act requires the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") to hold a public hearing and issue a report by July 1, 2009 regarding maintenance and repair standards for distribution systems of investor-owned gas and electric distribution companies. St. 2008, c. 69, § 92. The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 08-78.

The Department will conduct a public hearing at the Department's offices, located at One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, on **Tuesday, November 25, 2008**, at 11:00 a.m. to receive comment on this matter. Notice of this public hearing is published in The Boston Globe, The Worcester Telegram and Gazette, The Berkshire Eagle, and the Springfield Republican.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may appear at the public hearing or file written comments not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Thursday, **November 20, 2008**. Any person interested in participating in the public hearing shall notify the Department in writing not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, November 18, 2008**. The Department may hold a procedural conference following the public hearing for those interested in further participation in this matter.

All written comments or documents must be filed with the Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, as follows: an original and eight (8) copies with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary. All documents should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dpu.efiling@state.ma.us) and the hearing officer [[Caroline.O'Brien@state.ma.us](mailto:Caroline.O'Brien@state.ma.us)]; or (2) on a 3.5" disk or CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail, disk label, or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 08-78); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be created in either Corel WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, or Adobe Acrobat (version 7 or higher). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel (version 2000). The Department strongly encourages filers to avoid submitting scanned files but will accept them for posting when an alternative version does not exist in electronic format.

